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AWARD-WINNING METEOROLOGIST ARRESTED FOR CHILD SEX SOLICITATION

MIAMI-- U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) special agents arrested two-time Emmy winning TV meteorologist William "Bill" Kamal in St. Lucie Sunday for using the Internet to solicit a 14-year-old boy for sex.

According to the criminal complaint, Kamal, 47, sent digital photographs of himself to a minor boy through the Web and scheduled a meeting with the boy, who was actually a St. Lucie County, Fla., Sheriff's Office detective.

Kamal was arrested after he traveled to meet the boy at a St. Lucie convenience store.

A native of Lawrence, Ind. who resides in Miami Beach, Kamal has worked as a television meteorologist for more than 25 years. In addition to his current employment in Miami, he has worked in Washington, D.C. and Atlanta. He was awarded Emmys in 1989 and 1993 and was nominated for the award four other times.

Kamal's arrest was part of Operation Predator, an ICE initiative designed to protect children worldwide from sexual predators, including those who travel overseas for sex with minors, Internet child pornographers, criminal alien sex offenders, and child sex traffickers. Since Operation Predator was launched in July 2003, ICE agents in Minnesota have arrested more than 100 alleged sexual predators. Nationwide, ICE agents have arrested more than 4,200 sexual predators.

Kamal will be prosecuted by the office of the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida. The incident is under investigation.

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